

# Councilman LaValle Celebrates Selden Dog Park Fall Festival

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**Farmingville, NY** – On October 22, Brookhaven Town Councilman Kevin LaValle (left) attended the Selden Dog Park Fall Festival which he sponsored and coordinated with a number of Brookhaven Town Departments, the Suffolk County Police and local community groups. At the event there was an unveiling of a memorial bench which was donated by Shoprite of Selden in honor of recently deceased police dog, "Ace."

"I am looking forward to continuing to work with the Selden Dog Park community to improve the park for all the residents of Council District 3 and the Town of Brookhaven," said Councilman LaValle, "the event was quite a success and I want to thank all of our community partners for helping to make it possible. I especially want to thank Shoprite of Selden who donated the memorial bench as a contribution to our park which was unveiled in honor of a recently deceased Suffolk County Police Dog!"

During the event, Councilman LaValle thanked the following people and organizations for their support and assistance in making Saturday's event such a success: Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine, Parks Commissioner Ed Morris and the Brookhaven Parks Department, Brookhaven Animal Shelter Director Ashley Boyd and staff, Brookhaven Public Safety Department, Mr. Charles Gallagher of Shoprite in Selden, Irene Rabinowitz of LI DOG, Suffolk County Police Department Officers Curley and Michaels, the K9 Unit, Middle Country Pet Pantry, Zara's Deli, Deb's Healthy Pet Center, Long Island Canine Class, The Mutt Club of the Middle Country Public Library, Bruce Morrison and the Selden Civic Association.

**Selden Dog Park History:** When Councilman LaValle took office in January of 2014, the Selden Dog Park was just an idea. After hosting community forums and speaking with countless residents about the project, he was able to work with the Brookhaven Town Parks Department to open up the park in July of 2014. Prior to establishing the park, the wooded area was a public safety concern for residents of Selden where different types of inappropriate behavior normally took place. Since then, Councilman LaValle has been working with the Brookhaven Parks Department and community groups to continue to enhance the park. Over the past couple years, boy scouts came in and built obstacle courses for the dogs and put up community bulletin boards. Recently, through grant money that Councilman LaValle secured, the Parks Department made the park handicapped accessible and added some new benches.

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